

Methylene Chloride One-Pager

Environmental Defense Fund's Vice President Dr. Sarah Vogel: "We are encouraged that today EPA has decided to reverse course and move forward to finalize its proposed rule banning methylene chloride in these products. We are also encouraged that EPA is not re-evaluating the paint stripping uses of methylene chloride and is relying on its previous risk assessments, which found very high risks to consumers and workers from these products." (Environmental Defense Fund, 5/10/18)

Senator Tom Carper (D-DE): "Today's announcement that EPA intends to finalize a ban on methylene chloride — a chemical so dangerous that it has killed dozens of people even when they were wearing protective gear — is welcome news, especially after the agency previously delayed finalization of this proposed ban indefinitely" (The Hill, 5/10/18)

The Washington Examiner Reported That EPA Won't "Redo An Obama Administration Report" On Methylene Chloride. "The Environmental Protection Agency announced Thursday that it would not seek to redo an Obama administration report that listed the numerous health risks from exposure to the paint stripper chemical methylene chloride. The EPA is 'not re-evaluating the paint stripping uses of methylene chloride and is relying on its previous risk assessments,' the agency announced." (The Washington Examiner, 5/10/18)

The Hill Reported That EPA Won't Reverse The Obama Report Trying To Ban Methylene Chloride, But Stopped Short Of Saying It Will Ban The Chemical. "The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said Thursday that it won't reverse an Obama administration report that enumerated various harms from exposure to paint-stripping chemical methylene chloride. In a Thursday morning statement, the EPA stopped short of saying whether it will ban the chemical or certain uses of it." (The Hill, 5/10/18)

The Associated Press Reported On EPA's Decision Pleased "Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families" Acting Director Liz Hitchcock. "The Environmental Protection Agency is promising quick action on new restrictions for a widely sold solvent used for paint stripping. Thursday's announcement comes after EPA administrator Scott Pruitt met with families of men who died after using products with the compound methylene chloride. The Obama administration in its last days proposed banning most consumer sales of methylene chloride. Lawmakers last month accused Pruitt of putting the rule on hold. Pruitt met Tuesday with families of a 31-year-old man and 21-year-old man who died after using paint-strippers. The EPA said Thursday it would act 'shortly' to put the new regulation on the books. Activist Liz Hitchcock said she and other campaigners against methylene chloride welcome the announcement. Hitchcock says she will watch the final wording of the rule closely." (The Associated Press, 5/10/18)